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Title: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR USING SUBSTRATE CARRIER MOVEMENT TO ACTUATE SUBSTRATE CARRIER DOOR OPENING/CLOSING
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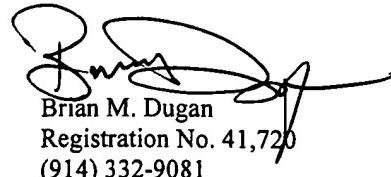
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97,
applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the
following references:

U.S. Patent No. 5,048,164, Harima

U.S. Patent No. 5,603,777, Ohashi

U.S. Patent No. 6,439,822 B1, Kimura et al.

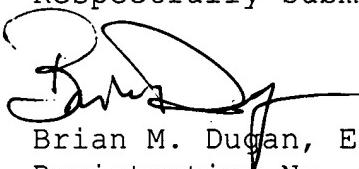
Foreign Art Reference No. JP 10-256346 (JP)

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These references are also listed on the accompanying
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Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this
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U.S. Patent Documents								
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